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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

A two (2) month extension of time, from December 23, 2004 to and including February 23, 2005 is requested to respond to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004 in the above-referenced application. Please charge fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

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